



Trainer Rene Macias from Loveland Fire Department is doing a group training with Timberline Fire Authority (Colorado Sierra Fire District and High Country Fire District), Central City Fire Department, and Coal Creek Fire Department. The training is for the Hazard Material, (Haz Mat) it is a 36 hour course will be concluded Monday February 9, 2009 with the Final Exam.

Gilpin County Commissioners divide up duties

by Gail Maxwell

The meeting for the County Commissioners commenced on February 3rd, 2009. Chair Forrest Whitman, Buddy Schmalz, and Jeanne Nicholson attended the Tuesday meeting of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

Agenda Review

Commissioner Nicholson requested an Executive Session for a personal matter after today's meeting was adjourned.

Victim Services Report

Monica Woznicki, Victim Services Coordinator, reported the total number of clients at 597 residents who required an intervention. Victim Services responds to calls through-out the Gilpin County area. Ms. Woznicki then commented she was not certain how a 24 hour gaming environment would impact her office, since no clear data has been established. Nicholson asked if data could be provided to the Commissioner's on how many incidents (gaming and domestic related) would affect persons living in the county compared to persons only visiting.

Much of the money for Victim Services is provided through grants. Ms. Woznicki stated she believes she can obtain funds for her office through the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA)

impact fees. Her department objectives are to provide uninterrupted crisis response 24/7 providing needed services directed through different law enforcement agencies while maintaining program standards of her unit. That, and to allow the Coordinator to manage and expand the crisis response to community and school needs, while completing the additional networking needed for response and program growth. Victim Services has reportedly crossed a milestone by teaming up with the Black Hawk Police Department in creating a specialized training program for casino personal regarding victimization and domestic violence recognition.

North Clear Creek Valley

The North Clear Creek Valley Restoration Project has targeted an area of the County along Highway 119, starting in Black Hawk and continuing east for approximately 1.5 miles in unincorporated Gilpin County.

A presentation was provided by Medill Barnes, Executive Director for the Silver Dollar Metropolitan District, Holly Huyck, Environmental Project Manager for CDOT, Russell Cox, Resident Engineer for CDOT, and Jim Licko of Webb Public Relations.

The multifaceted project is a restoration of the North Clear Creek Valley





that capitalizes on shared resources and collaborative efforts to accomplish numerous goals in a cost-efficient manner. The main goal will be a superfund cleanup of mine waste piles of the National Tunnel, and also address mine discharge, ground water treatment, stream modification and re-vegetation along North Clear Creek. Transportation safety improvement, new emergency communication systems, aquatic life restoration in North Clear Creek, utility development, and water quality assurance downstream are other equally important objectives of the group.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) would like to place a bioreactor site in North Clear Creek to treat the acid coming from mine drainage. The use of sea shell or mushroom composites would filter the acid from the water and into a mechanical slug. The slug would then be replaced every two years. The treatment plant would be monitored but additional traffic would not be added to the highway as a result. The plan would also be to construct the site in such a way as to have low impact on the environmental aesthetic of the area and not present an eye-sore to visitors and residents.

The group would also like to place a bridge across Highway 119 to aid big horn sheep in safely crossing the highway. A very large group is currently working on the project; CDOT, CDPHE, EPA, Silver Dollar Metropolitan District, Colorado School of Mines, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Federal Highway Administration, Colorado Division of Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Reclamation and Mining Safety, City of Black Hawk, Gilpin County, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife. The group would also like to construct a biking/walking trail along the river.

Grant Application

The Triad Early Childhood Council grant application is a request for monies the County can provide for the improved quality of life of young children, prenatal-age 8, and their families.

As stated from the Family Resources & Child Care Education's web site:

"The Triad Early Childhood Council was established in 1999 as a result of Colorado State Senate legislation establishing local coordinating councils for the purpose of expanding the quality and supply of early childhood services. The Triad Council is comprised of community representatives from the Counties of Jefferson, Clear Creek, and Gilpin."

County Manager Roger Baker was requested to send a letter of support to the Triad Council.

2009 Goals and Objectives

Assignment of responsibility of goals and objectives were split between Commissioners. Capital construction will be handled by Whitman and Schmalz. Services such as emergency, health care, housing and fire will be handled by Nicholson. Policy and Education will be split between Whitman and Schmalz. All three Commissioners will handle maintaining at least a \$500,000.00 reserve, increase general education and lobbying efforts to promote forest health, and support equitable funding opportunities for all Gilpin County youth.

Manager Report

The County Manager provided news articles from the Denver Post concerning how lawmakers might divvy up potential new revenue from higher betting limits in Colorado casinos. One of the most informative articles, written by Jessica Fender, can be viewed on the denverpost.com website by using their search engine to look up "Casino Pot Raises Ante in Funding Struggle".

Public Comment

Walt Stager, who resides at 271 LaChula Road, requested if the County could clear the snow on the road to the turn-a-round of his home, so that he could receive a shipment of shingles for the repair of his wind damaged roof. One of the Commissioners promised to get back to him on the matter.

Minutes

The minutes from the January 27, 2009 meeting were motioned to be approved by Commissioner Nicholson, with a second from Commissioner Schmulz. A vote was taken by the Chair and the minutes were approved. Meeting adjourned.

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